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SUBJECT: VIST TO COSTA RICA

1. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ASKS THAT EMBASSY TRANSMIT  
TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER TO ADDRESSEE ASAP. ORIGINAL BEING  
POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY. TEXT FOLLOWS:

DEAR. SR. UGALDE:

PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE TO  
THE CONGRESS, ESTABLISHED AS A PRIORITY THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE CONVENTION ON NATURE PROTECTION AND WILDLIFE PRE-  
SERVATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

THE SERIES OF TECHNICAL MEETINGS NOW BEING HELD UNDER THE  
AUSPICES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES -- INCLUDING  
THE MEETING OF EXPERTS ON "PROTECTION OF MAJOR ECOSYSTEMS  
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IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE," TO BE HLED APRIL 10-14 IN  
SAN JOSE -- IS AFIRST STEP TOWARD MAKING THE CONVENTION  
A USEFUL TOOL FOR THE CONSERVATION OF LIVING NATURAL  
RESOURCES.

BILATERAL COOPERATION IS ANOTHER. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
INTERIOR, IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE KIND OF COOPERATION

ENVISIONED BY THE CONVENTION, WILL FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS EMPHASIZE BILATERAL CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

COSTA RICA ALREADY HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A LEADER AMONG WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATIONS IN THE CONSERVATION FIELD. BOTH THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND THE U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BELIEVE THAT COOPERATION WITH COSTA RICA CAN BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, AND THAT WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER CAN STAND AS A MODEL FOR OTHER NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE.

BECAUSE BOTH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION FIELD HAVE LIMITED MONEY AND MANPOWER, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ALSO IS STRESSING COORDINATION WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS INTERESTED IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE CONSERVATION.

AS KEN THELAN INDICATED IN HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU, A U.S. TEAM -- WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MY OFFICE, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, WORLD WILDLIFE FUND-U.S. AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY -- WOULD LIKE TO VISIT COSTA RICA APRIL 20-22 TO DISCUSS COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

TERRY WOLKERSTORFER, MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL

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ATIONAL AFFAIRS, WILL REPRESENT ME AND WILL COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP. DR. JERRY BERTRAND, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND DR. ALFRED GARDNER WILL REPRESENT THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. ROB MILNE, CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PARK AFFAIRS, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND A TECHNICAL EXPERT NOT YET CHOSEN WILL REPRESENT THE PARK SERVICE.

(THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AS YOU KNOW, IS IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING AN EXPERT TO ASSIST, THROUGH CATIE, IN DEVELOPING A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK. KEN THELAN, IN FACT, LEFT TODAY FOR DENVER TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.)

DR. TOM LOVEJOY AND MICHAEL WRIGHT, BOTH OF WHOM YOU KNOW, WILL REPRESENT THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND-U.S. AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY.

WE HOPE THAT THIS TEAM APPROACH WILL ALLOW ALL OF US TO USE OUR RESOURCES IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE POSSIBLE WAY, AND THAT OUR COUNTRIES CAN WORK TOGETHER TO CONSERVE THE

NATURAL HERITAGE THAT BELONGS TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE  
HEMISPHERE.

2. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY CONFIRM DATES WITH UGALDE.

3. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY MAKE RESERVATIONS AT MODESTLY  
PRICED HOTEL AS FOLLOWS: BERTRAND, 7 THRU 14 APRIL AND  
19 THRU 22 APRIL; WOLKERSTORFER, 14 APRIL AND 19 APRIL  
THRU 22 APRIL; GARDNER, LOVEJOY, WRIGHT AND MILNE PLUS ONE,  
19 THRU 22 APRIL. VANCE

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